

Application No. 10/825,574Client Reference No. N0189US**REMARKS****I. Examiner Interview**

Applicants' attorney appreciates the Examiner's courtesy in speaking with him on October 13-14, 2010. The interview(s) included discussion of amending claims for allowance. Applicants submit that the comments below reflect the substance of the interview.

II. Status

Claims 11 and 36-38 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added as a result. Claims 3-4, 17-19, and 39 have been canceled, and claims 1, 9-10, 15-16, 20-22, and 24-35 have been previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 2, 5-8, 11-14, 23, and 36-38 are currently pending.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-8, 11-14, 17-19, 23, and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Muendel (WO 01/42809 A2) in view of Nimura, et al. (U.S. 6,098,015).

Claim 36-38 and Dependents

In the interest to further prosecution, the independent claims have been amended based on suggestions from the Examiner.

Accordingly, claims 36-38 and the respective dependent claims are allowable.

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IV. Summary

It is respectfully asserted that all of the pending claims are patentable over the cited references, and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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